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SUBJECT: CANADA-US INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP.

1. SUMMARY: EXTAFF AND PARLIAMENTARY OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD EMBASSY OF REORGANIZATION OF CANADIAN SECTION OF INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, AND POSSIBLE VISIT TO WASHINGTON DURING WEEK OF MAY 13 OF NEWLY FORMED CANADIAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF GROUP. END SUMMARY

2. AS DEPARTMEN AWARE, CANADIAN CO-CHAIRMEN OF INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP HAVE IN PAST BEEN SPEAKERS OF COMMONS AND SENATE. MATTERS SUCH AS TIMING AND LOCATION OF MEETINGS, AGENDAS AND THE LIKE HAVE BEEN ARRANGED BY SPEAKERS AND PARLIAMENTARY STAFFS, WITH LITTLE INPUT BY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT THEMSELVES. SEVERAL MEMBERS HAD EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH THIS ARRANGEMENT, PARTICULARLY FOLLOWING LAST YEAR'S MEETING OF THE GROUP IN WASHINGTON, FOR WHICH SOME FELT THE CANADIAN SIDE WAS INADEQUATELY PREPARED AND STAFFED. (EXTAFF AND CANADIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON WERE INFORMED OF THE MEETING ONLY AT THE LAST MINUTE.)

3. CANADIAN SECTION HAS BEEN REORGANIZED TO BE UNDER DIRECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSED AS FOLLOWS:
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CO-AHAIRMEN: SENATOR ALAN A. MACNAUGHTON (LIBERAL,
FORMER SPEAKER OF COMMONS)
BARNETT J. DANSON M.P. LIBERAL, TORONTO)

VICE-CHAIRMEN: SENATOR ALLISTER GROSART (PROGRESSIVE-
CONSERVATIVE)
F. ANDREW BREWIN M.P. (NDP, TORONTO)
DAVID S.H. MACDONALD M.P. (PC, PRINCE
EDWARD ISLAND)
GILBERT F. RONDEAU M.P. (SOCIAL CREDIT,
SHEFFORD QUEBEC)

4. CO-CHAIRMEN HAVE WRITTEN U.S. CO-CHAIRMEN (SENATOR MCGEE
AND CONGRSSMAN MORGAN), SUGGESTING THAT EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE VISIT WASHINGTON MAY 13 TO DISCUSS TIMING,
LOCATION, ORGANIZATION AND AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING OF GROUP.

5. IT IS CANADA'S TURN TO HOST 1974 MEETING, BUT PARLIAMENT
OFFICIALS EXPECT SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH TIMING VIEW U.S.
ELECTIONS, POSSIBLE CANADIAN ELECTIONS, AND CROWDED U.S.
CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE.
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